poverty. However, comparing two latest estimates, 1987-88 and 1993-94, it is observed that the percentage of people living below the poverty line declined by 1.82 percentage point in rural areas and 5.84 percentage point in urban areas. Data from the latest large sample survey is expected to become available by the end of the year.

Growing Regional Imbalance in Orissa

3386. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing regional imbalances in Orissa;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons for regional imbalance in that State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to reduce the imbalance?

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Further, to deal with the basic problems of the undivided districts of Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK) in Orissa, the Government of Orissa was asked to prepare the Revised Long Term Action Plan (1998-99 To 2006-07) which consists of Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in various sectors, namely agricultural, horticulture, watershed development, afforestation, irrigation, health, drinking water, emergency feeding, welfare of SCs/STs and rural connectivity.

In addition to the normal flow of funds under Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, various steps have been taken to provide some additional funding to these districts. In Annual Plan 1998-99 an additionality of Rs. 37 crore was provided with break up as follows: Rs. 17 crore for primary residential school for girls, Rs. 10 crores for afforestation, Rs. 3.50 crores for watershed development and Rs. 6.50 crores for interest burden on loans for irrigation schemes. Further, a sum of Rs. 9 crore was provided from Additional central Assistance (ACA) available under Basic Minimum Services (BMS) including Rs. 7 crore for Emergency Feeding Programme and Rs. 2 crore for Mobile Health Units.

In Annaul Plan 1999-2000, an additionality of Rs. 37 crore was allocated including Rs. 20 crore for afforestation and Rs. 17 crore for primary residential school for girls. Under BMS, ACA of Rs. 20.60 crore was provided which included Rs. 10 crore for Rural Water Supply, Rs. 8.60 crore for Emergency Feeding and Rs. 2.00 crore for Mobile Health Units.

Programme to Provide one crore job Annually

3387. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
DR.DASARI NARAYANARAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have promised to provide employment to one crore people each year in the manifesto;

(b) the jobs created for providing employment during the last one year; and

(c) the future plan for employment generation in the country?

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